



The Parish of St Mary, Portsea with St Faith's

Weekly notes 17th March 2024

Passion Sunday - 5th Sunday in Lent

Today 11.30am Exploring Faith for young people
4pm Music and Reflections for Passiontide
at St Mary's

Monday March 18th Noon Mass at St Mary's (live streamed)
Lent (Week 5) 6pm Lent Chat Group at St Faith's

Tues March 19th 9.30am Mass at St Faith's and coffee and chat
S Jospeh 10.15am Melody Tots at St Mary's
6pm Portsmouth Music Hub at St Mary's
7pm PCC meets at St Faith's

Weds March 20th Noon Mass at St Mary's (live streamed)
Lent (Week 5) Followed by Soup Lunch and Lent Fellowship
6pm Exploring Faith Group contact Revd Wendy May for details

Thurs March 21st 10.30am Mass at St Faith's
Lent (Week 5) 7.30pm Royal Marine Concert at St Mary's

Friday March 22nd 11am Coffee and Chat at St Mary's
Lent (Week 5) Noon Mass at St Mary's (live streamed)

Sat March 23rd 10am Just Ask at St Mary's *come and enquire.*
Lent (Week 5) *about Christenings, Weddings etc or simply 'just ask' something of the clergy.*
10am Messy Holy Week at St Mary's

Sunday March 24th 8am BCP Eucharist at St Mary's
Palm Sunday 9.30am Palm Procession from St Faith's
10am Parish Mass (live streamed) at St Mary's
11.30am Exploring Faith for young people
5.30pm Young People with Fr Rajiv

Please note we often take photographs at our services and events that may appear on social media – please let us know if this causes you any problems.

If you have any suggestions as to what you would like to see included on these notices, please let us know.

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Today 4pm at St Mary's – Music and Reflections as we enter Passiontide the last 2 weeks of Lent Brian Moles and the clergy will lead a time of reflection.

Watch and Pray please see our Lent leaflet for details

There are two final opportunities to meet and reflect on God's restorative love.

Monday

There is Lent Chat at 6pm at St Faith's

Wednesday

After Noon Mass – Lent Fellowship – this week there will be a Soup Lunch to raise funds for the Bishop's Lent Appeal

Tuesday

7pm PCC meeting at St Faith's

Saturday

10am Messy Holy Week at St Mary's – please let anyone with young children know they are welcome to join us for craft and activity and a free lunch

Help needed for streamers to prepare for Palm Sunday we need to create some streamers there will be a 'production line' alongside the Messy morning ... can you help?

Next Sunday If you are able please join us at St Faith's at 9.30

for the Palm Sunday Procession to St Mary's –

always a great celebration and a chance to let the local community know it is Holy Week. If you can't manage the walk we hope to see everyone at St Mary's.

Chalice communion with the Chalice will be administered at the Lady Chapel Altar (by the Pulpit) at the front of the Church. Communion by Intinction will continue at the centre of the Dais.

Easter Eggs We will once more be inviting you to donate Easter Eggs for us to share with the families at the Roberts Centre. Please bring in your donations by next week

Foot Washing and Vigil – Please see the lists in St Mary’s if you would like to offer to have your **foot washed at the 7.30pm** service on **Maundy Thursday (March 28th)**– or can **watch and pray for a while between 9pm and Midnight ...**

Easter Flowers if you would like to give flowers for Easter in our Churches in memory of a loved one who has died or in thanksgiving for something please see the forms in Church and make a donation by next week

Fr Rajiv will be leaving us on Sunday April 21st. There will be a service of thanksgiving and farewell at 4pm – with tea and cake served from 3pm. If you would like to make a donation towards his farewell gift then please place in a marked envelope – or if giving by BACS please put ‘Rajiv’ as the reference. His licensing at Pontypridd will be on April 28th at 11am.

May Fayre **Monday May 6th** ...so the countdown begins ... please can you take some **Raffle Tickets to sell** ...first prize is £100! Also please fill in **the helper’s slip** so we can begin to plan how we will work together to welcome 10,000 people to the Church and churchyard!

Dates to note

Sunday March 24th **9.30am Palm Sunday Procession** St Faith’s
10am Parish Mass at St Mary’s

Monday March 25th **Noon Stations of the Cross** at St Mary’s

Mon, Tues, Weds

7pm Mass and Reflection led by Revd Amanda Collinson, Bishop Jonathan’s Chaplain

Maundy Thursday (28th)

6pm Eucharist and Vigil till 8pm at St Faith’s
7.30pm Eucharist and Foot Washing
at St Mary’s
Followed by Watch and Pray till Midnight.

Good Friday (29th)

11am Service for young people at St Mary’s
1pm Reflections on the Cross at St Mary’s
2pm Liturgy of the Cross at both Churches

Holy Saturday (30th)

9am Church clean and preparations
– can you help?
8.30pm Parish Easter Vigil
and **1st Mass of Easter** at St Mary’s

Easter Day (1st)`

8am BCP Eucharist at St Mary’s
9.30am Mass at St Faith’s
10am Sung Mass at St Mary’s
4pm Choral Evensong and Benediction
at St Mary’s